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Campaign Close-up

NIXON HEADQUARTERS — Results of latest private GOP polls: New York, 50-50; Pennsylvania and Ohio, a 53-48 edge for Nixon; Wisconsin, 51-49 for Nixon. California? A sudden hinge, so big, in fact, GOP experts are asking for a recount. Note: For NEWSWEEK'S LISTENING POST—a somewhat different picture—see page 28.

KENNEDY HEADQUARTERS — In Kennedy's camp, New Jersey, with sixteen electoral votes, is switched from "uncertain" to "almost certain." The reason: The Democrats' registration drive (NEWSWEEK, Oct. 3). But Indiana, with thirteen votes, is no longer considered "almost certain."

MEMPHIS, TENN. — Through his Secret Service agents, Nixon has quietly relayed word for local police to be a little less efficient, please, in handling campaign crowds. "Let him get crowded, let him get crowded," an agent urged police officials in charge of welcoming ceremonies here. Behind it: Concern that Kennedy's audiences, which often break past police barriers to get at the candidate, appear more enthusiastic.

COLUMBUS, OHIO — Will Sen. Frank Lausche and Gov. Mike DiSalle try to swap jobs in 1962? State Democratic politicians believe they will. Lausche is already busy touring county fairs the way he did when he won five gubernatorial terms between 1944 and 1956. He hasn't been especially happy in Washington.

Security Flashes

PENTAGON — Not all military planners here are as emphatic as Adm. Arleigh Burke that the U.S. should fight to hold the Guantánamo naval base in Cuba. These officials, civilian advisers to Defense Secretary Gates and Air Force brass, argue that any shooting war would make Castro a martyr and alienate Latin America generally.

FAIRBANKS — Soviet ICBM launchers have been spotted by Air Force intelligence on the Chukotski Peninsula, only 56 miles across Bering

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Strait from Alaska. Other missile pads have been uncovered in northern Siberia west of there.

PENTAGON — But the Soviets are suddenly doing a better job of concealing their space plans from electronic eavesdropping. Sources here say Russian radio communications in particular have been harder to monitor since the defection of those NSA mathematicians, Mitchell and Martin.

The Executive Wing

WHITE HOUSE — Unless there's a major breakthrough in the just-resumed Geneva negotiations, look for Ike to order resumption of atomic tests shortly after the election. The tests will be underground to prevent radiation fallout.

STATE DEPARTMENT — Soviet authorities remain absolutely mum on the fate of those two American tourists, Mark Kaminski and Harvey C. Bennett, who've been missing in Russia since mid-August. Repeated requests for information are met by silence. The official worry here is that the two are in Soviet hands and will reappear only when it best suits the Kremlin's anti-U.S. propaganda.

GETTYSBURG, PA. — Discount those reports, again current, that Ike will settle in a warmer climate when he leaves the White House. He has definitely decided to live here, will use office space offered to him by Gettysburg College several years ago. Vacations will be split between the Augusta (Ga.) National Golf Club and Palm Springs, Calif., where a country club is building a "Presidential cottage." He's also talking about a round-the-world trip next year.

Where Are They Now?

INDIANAPOLIS — Owen (Donie) Bush, manager of the 1927 Pittsburgh Pirates who lost the World Series to New York in four straight, lives here with a widowed sister in an old, white frame house not far from the district where he

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